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**From:** Sdixon429@aol.com  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Tue, Feb 4, 2003 10:46 AM  
**Subject:** Deregulation of Corporate Media

Dear Mr. Powell:

It is my understanding that the FCC is currently considering the further deregulation of corporate media. I believe the continuation of this trend of deregulation is leading toward absolute control of our major information sources, including TV networks, radio and newspapers, by a small number of corporations. This in turn is narrowing and slanting news coverage.

I believe that media diversity should be a top priority for the FCC and that media concentration cripples democracy. I urge the FCC to preserve and refrain from weakening the rule prohibiting cross ownership of newspapers and television stations in the same market.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Michael Hellein  
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**Date:** Tue, Feb 4, 2003 12:52 PM  
**Subject:** i'm against media consolidation

I'm writing you this short email to express my growing concern that the organization you chair -- founded to protect our nation's media from undue commercial or political interest -- **is** planning to drop the reigns completely. I'm beginning *to* fear that your devotion to the "free market" is a danger to the future of the FCC and the media industry, that your bias, as chair of a regulatory commission, against regulation makes you unfit to serve as chair. It **is** with great seriousness that I propose you must either rethink your position on governing our public airwaves, or you must step down: not only as chairman, but as a commissioner of the FCC.

The FCC is failing to protect my interests as a radio listener, and as a citizen. You, and several of your fellow commissioners, will be long-remembered for that failing. You will be remembered for placing the fourth estate in the control of a handful of mega-corporations. When there is no diverse media, there can be no democracy. You, sir, have placed the shareholder value of media corporations over the intrinsic value of democracy. For that you should be ashamed.

And you should step down

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